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Sudan begins arming Juba citizens

Bashir visits besieged city

KHARTOUM (Agencies) — Sudan's military strongman, Lt.-Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir, paid a surprise visit to the besieged southern capital Juba Saturday as the government stated to arm the city's citizens, a newspaper said Sunday.

Al Khat al Musalaha daily said the citizens of Juba, the capital of southern Equatoria region which is 1,200 kilometres south of Khartoum, vowed to defend their city against rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

The newspaper quoted Chief of Staff Gen. Isah Ibrahim Omer as saying that the army had started to train civilians to help counter rebel offensives.

Last year, Bashir's military government announced the plan to form civilian militias all over the country.

"Citizens in Juba have called for the rapid training of popular forces for defence" to carry out their duty in the protection of the nation, Isah said.

He said "the necessary arms, ammunition and clothing have been supplied to the citizens in Juba."

Isah said the citizens of Juba said they would crush the rebels "in the jungles, in the roads and inside their camps."

Bashir's brief visit was described by Isah as "successful by all standards and achieved its goals."

Juba was shelled by rebels three times last month, leaving around 20 civilians dead and scores wounded. Western relief workers who have been evacuated from Juba describe it as a city of terror and panic whose 250,000 inhabitants are also facing food shortages.

The rebel SPLA have cut off almost all the road routes to Juba. Juba airport receives milit-

ary flights, to supply its 9,000-10,000 soldiers in the city, as well as a trickle of relief food for the civilian population.

Bashir told a mass rally in Juba that the SPLA "insists on the continuation of the war and rejects all peace calls."

The rebels took up arms against the government in 1983. They want more autonomy and administrative and economic reforms.

Meanwhile Radio Omdurman reported Saturday that over 100 rebels have been killed in south Sudan when government forces destroyed an ambush set by rebels.

The radio run by the Sudanese government, said the rebels were killed in fierce fighting between government troops and SPLA in the country's Upper Nile region.

In a broadcast monitored in London, the radio quoted an announcement by military authorities saying that government destroyed the ambush without losing any casualties.

It said a converted tank and a truck loaded with ammunition for artillery and launchers were seized from the rebels.

The broadcast did not say when the fighting took place or give exact location.

In a separate development Sudan's military junta has released the head of the Communist Party from jail after holding him more than seven months, state radio reported Saturday.

Ibrahim Nugud and the leaders of other major political parties

were detained and their parties banned when the junta deposed the civilian government of Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi last June 30.

All the other political leaders were transferred from Khobar Prison to house arrest last month and in December.

Nugud's continued detention had been seen by Western diplomats as a sign that the junta was placating Islamic extremists who are bitterly opposed to the Communists.

Radio Omdurman quoted Colonel Bakri Hassan Saleh, a mem-

ber of the 15-man junta's Security Committee, as saying Saturday that Nugud and other political detainees had been released from prison in an effort to achieve national unity.

It said several other former politicians had been released with Nugud, but identified only two — Bashir Omar, a former minister of energy and mining, and Abdul Rasoul Al Nur, a former governor of Kordofan region.

The radio did not say if Nugud and the other released politicians were freed unconditionally or placed under house arrest.

Queen, leaders and personalities to resurrect ancient library

ASWAN (R) — Queens, presidents, princesses and rulers converged on the Egyptian holiday resort of Aswan Sunday to resurrect a 2,000-year-old library that was once a seat of learning for the ancient world.

More than \$150 million is needed to recreate Alexandria Library near its original site in the Mediterranean port city of Alexandria, sacked by Julius Caesar's Roman legions in 48 B.C.

"The old library was not just a library — it was a university," said Project Director Mohsen Zahran. "We are reviving the idea of an advanced information centre."

Queen Noor Queen Sofia of Spain, Princess Caroline of Monaco and Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan Al Nahayan of the United Arab Emirates are among those gathering for the fund-raising drive.

French President Francois Mitterrand and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak were due to join the talks Monday.

The Alexandria project aims to recapture some of the spirit of the ancient library which once housed up to 700,000 papyrus scrolls detailing what the ancient world knew of astronomy, mathematics, philosophy and theology.

It was both a library and a centre of learning, attracting Greek scholars including Euclid, the inventor of geometry and Aristotle who calculated the circumference of the Earth.

The new library is to be built in the shape of the rising sun — a symbol of ancient Egypt — and will, it is hoped, recapture some of Alexandria's now faded glory.

The library will have micro-fiches instead of Papyrus scrolls and video cassettes instead of Greek teachers, to create a late 20th century equivalent of the old library as a centre of information and learning.

Shamir-Sharon showdown key to Israeli bid

TEL AVIV (R) — A showdown in Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's rightwing Likud Party Monday will make or break his proposals for peace with Palestinians and shape the future of Israel's alliance with the United States.

The 74-year-old premier must defeat hardline party rivals led by Ariel Sharon, leader of Israel's 1982 Lebanon invasion, if he is to

press ahead with Cairo and Washington to convene Israeli-Palestinian talks.

Washington hopes a dramatic Shamir victory, together with an influx of Soviet Jews and improving relations with the Kremlin and Eastern Europe, will give Israel confidence to negotiate its future.

Sample polls show Shamir will

wipe out his challengers when the party's 3,000 Central Committee members meet. Supporters say his speech will portray him as Israel's unrivalled defender.

But a party victory would be hollow unless Shamir can avoid the constraints Trade Minister Sharon, as committee chairman, and his supporters want to impose on peace efforts.

'Peace process close to dead end'

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shot Palestinians in the occupied Gaza Strip over the last few days in revenge for the attack on an Israeli bus in Egypt a week ago.

U.N. relief workers said two Palestinians were shot dead and about 150 wounded in clashes with troops in the Gaza Strip over recent days, most of them in the Rafah area.

"If what happened to the Israeli bus was a terrorist act, then what would we call the massacres at Rafah? Weren't they an act of terrorism on a state level?" Arafat asked.

Referring to the bus raid, Arafat said all violence, from whatever side, would undermine peace efforts.

In a separate interview with the Al Quds Al Arabi newspaper, Arafat said the PLO had never been presented any list of Palestinian negotiators to any party. Anything concerning the matter will be discussed in detail with the Palestinian leadership," he said.

"We have nothing to conceal, and the decision will be taken by the Palestinian leadership," he said.

But he said the PLO had "presented stipulations over the delegation and these stipulations were accepted."

He said the PLO stipulated that members of the delegation be from the occupied land and from outside, including Jerusalem. "Any delegation, whether agreed upon or not, should be within our stipulations," he said.

Arafat said that during the 27-month-old uprising in the occupied lands, Israeli soldiers had killed 1,050 Palestinians and injured 57,000 with 6,600 permanent disabilities. Over 5,600 pregnancies were aborted because of the Israeli army's use of "chemicals which they call tear-gas," he said.

"Thousands of homes were demolished or sealed, or closed, thousands of hectares of land with fruit trees were burned, hospitals were attacked and schools and universities were closed for the third consecutive year," he said.

"I ask the American people, whom we see as a religious, Christian society: Did you see the sacrifice of Bethlehem? Do you know how Beit Sahour was

abused? How the sanctity of the churches and mosques is violated and how Christians and Muslims, children or women, are killed by taxes paid by the American citizen at a time when the U.S. stops paying \$18 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and allocates an increase of 100 million for Israel for the settlement process without announcing this in the budget?"

Arafat criticised what he said was lack of Arab financial support for the Palestinian uprising. He said, citing a report by an American organisation, that Arab contribution to the Palestinian struggle had fallen to \$19.5 billion in one year while the PLO received, according to the same report, \$2.1 billion in Arab aid in 20 years.

"Isn't it strange that the Arabs are miserly towards the infidels? Do you know how much the Palestinian people lose each month because of the infidels according to Israeli reports and statistics? Our losses in the past 24 months are estimated at \$2,300 million," he said.

'Palestinian state is inevitable'

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official Palestinian state. Referring to the Palestinian uprising, Fuller writes: "The forces now unleashed — and the responses evoked in Israel, the United States, and elsewhere — have now made the ultimate emergence of a Palestinian state on the West Bank inevitable. Such a process will be long, painful and complex, but no other solution any longer seems viable."

The United States officially, opposes creation of a Palestinian state, unless such a state emerges from peace negotiations with the blessings of Israel.

Israel is now too worried about its security to give that blessing. Fuller disputes such thinking as shortsighted. In the long term, he contends, the Middle East needs a solution that breaks the prolonged cycle of violence, while acknowledging that Israel's security and its vulnerability to terrorism must be reasonably addressed.

He writes: "The question is more complex than simply whether or not there is a Palestinian state. The process of 'getting there' is critical, for it will characterise the relationships between the Jewish and Palestinian states — as well as between Israel and

the Arab World — for a long time to come.

"If the way to the Palestinian state is long, brutal, bloody and filled with rancor, in a process in which Israel has not taken the leadership but rather is viewed as having gone down in defeat, the psychological relationship of the two states will be ugly and will perhaps contain the seeds of future conflict. For Israel's relationship with the Arab World as well, it is important that the birth of a new state not be perceived as an Arab victory born of force and violence, for this might encourage further attempts to use force against the Israeli state."

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MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Palestinian team visits Philippines

MANILA (R) — Two officials from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) arrived in the Philippines Sunday to lay the groundwork for establishment of an embassy. PLO Deputy Foreign Secretary Abdul Latif Abu Hajar and Executive Secretary Sami Musalan are scheduled to call on President Corason Aquino and Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus Monday. The Philippines and the PLO established diplomatic ties in September.

Tunisian held for planning attack

TUNIS (R) — Tunisian police Saturday arrested a Muslim militant suspected of planning a sulphuric acid attack on a policeman in western Tunisia last month, the Tunisian News Agency (TAP) said. Abdul Hamid Medoui, a warehouseman at a sugar factory near the town of Jendouba, was caught at dawn while trying to flee into neighbouring Algeria, it said. The agency said Medoui had provided the acid and planned and supervised the attack on Police Inspector Mohammed Salah in Jendouba on Jan. 29. Jendouba residents said police had set up roadblocks around the town and had searched the homes of known Muslim militants to look for Medoui. The man who carried out the attack and another accomplice have already been arrested.

Eritrean rebels launch new attacks

NAIROBI (R) — Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) rebels said Sunday they had launched a major attack along the Keren front, north-west of Asmara, the capital of Eritrea province in northern Ethiopia. The announcement on rebel radio, monitored here, appeared to indicate an intensification of the latest campaign in Eritrea's 28-year war, Africa's longest-running civil war. "The valiant people's army launched this large-scale attack after it had crushed the enemy's huge, armies on the Asmara-Masawa Line, and after imposing its control on Masawa town at midday yesterday (Saturday)," the radio said. It gave no details of the fighting, but said government military and naval forces suffered "huge losses" in the battle for the Red Sea port of Masawa. Ethiopian government sources have not confirmed the rebels' claim to have captured the port, but have reported fighting along the strategic 105-kilometre road from Masawa to Asmara, the main route for supplies to famine areas of Eritrea.

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16:40	Programme review
16:45	News in Hebrew
16:50	Arabic series
17:00	Programme review
17:05	Local programme
17:10	News summary in Arabic

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and winds will be southeasterly moderate to fresh. In Amman, it will be partly cloudy to cloudy with expected showery rain, and winds will be southeasterly fresh and sea wavy.

Amman: Min./Max. temp. 4/10
Aqaba: 9/20
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Yesterday's high temperature: Amman 60 per cent, Aqaba 30 per cent.

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18:30	Abu Dhabi, Bahrain (RJ)

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11:00	Baghdad (LA)
11:00	Abu Dhabi, Bahrain (RJ)

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Dates	550/480
Eggs	570/500
Garlic	210/180
Grain	200/180
Leeks	210/180
Macarons (large)	380/300
Macarons (small)	380/300
Onions (dry)	240/200
Onions (green)	240/200
Onions	240/200
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Pepper (hot)	720/650
Pepper (sweet)	550/500
Potatoes	180/140
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Sage	450/400
Spinach	140/100
Tomatoes	160/120

Japanese deputy foreign minister ends 3-day visit

AMMAN (Petra) — Japanese Deputy Foreign Minister Hasebe Awada left Amman Sunday at the end of a three-day official visit to the Kingdom during which he delivered a message to His Majesty King Hussein from the Japanese government.

In a departure statement, Awada told reporters that he discussed with the King several bilateral issues and ways to develop cooperation, especially in economic spheres, as well as Tokyo's and Amman's positions towards Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel.

The deputy foreign minister reiterated his country's opposition to the settlement of Soviet Jews in the Israeli-occupied territories and said this would be a real problem in face of efforts to solve the Middle East conflict. Such an action "goes against all international laws and norms," he said.

On Israel's often brutal actions against the Palestinians in the occupied territories, Awada said his country had clearly expressed its position and called for humane treatment of the people under occupation in accordance with international norms.

He added that his country was closely following developments in the occupied lands and had provided aid for Palestinians through international organizations such as the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

In reply to a question, Awada said that there were many fields of economic cooperation between Jordan and Japan. Japan provides Jordan with aid through soft loans and technical assistance, he said. He expressed hope for increased Japanese aid to Jordan in the future.

Planning Ministry negotiating development loans for firms

By Mariam M. Shalhin
Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN — The Ministry of Planning is negotiating development loans totalling more than \$500 million for companies in the private and public sectors such as the phosphates company and the Industrial Development Bank, Minister of Planning Awni Masri said Sunday.

The minister told reporters that the ministry would support the Kingdom's economic reform programme by ensuring the success of the adjustment policies and by reviving the private sector's role. "We want to make the private sector the driving force in our economy and we want to supplement the national economy by providing an adequate investment atmosphere," he said.

The minister pointed out that previous economic plans had provided for the implementation of public sector projects but they did not succeed as a driving force. "There was no harmony among the various sectors while the public sector was entrusted with the role of the 'driving force' in the economy," Masri said.

He said a special task force had been formed by the ministry to draw up a short-term plan (1990-93) which was compatible with the national economic reform programme.

He said that a Ministry of

Planning law was being drafted to replace the current law, namely the National Planning Council Law, which no longer meets the needs of the ministry at this stage of its development.

He said that different departments in the ministry were entrusted with various national planning projects. The Regional Planning Department, the minister said, is currently processing data on each governorate and attempting to gather statistical information on all projects, whether in the public or private sector.

He said that a manpower project was being implemented by the Manpower Development Department. The project's objective is to study manpower capabilities in Jordan as well as create a data bank on the Kingdom's workforce.

The Bilateral Cooperation Department is doing follow-up work on the implementation of various agreements of public and private sector organisations to ensure that the concerned parties abide by the agreements.

The minister also said that the ministry had taken on the role of "post auditor." He said that the ministry studies and follows up on governmental and private projects and makes periodic evaluations to ensure proper use of funds. "We do this so that we can

alert the parties in question of potential dangers and excesses which might arise in the course of the implementation of the agreements," Masri said.

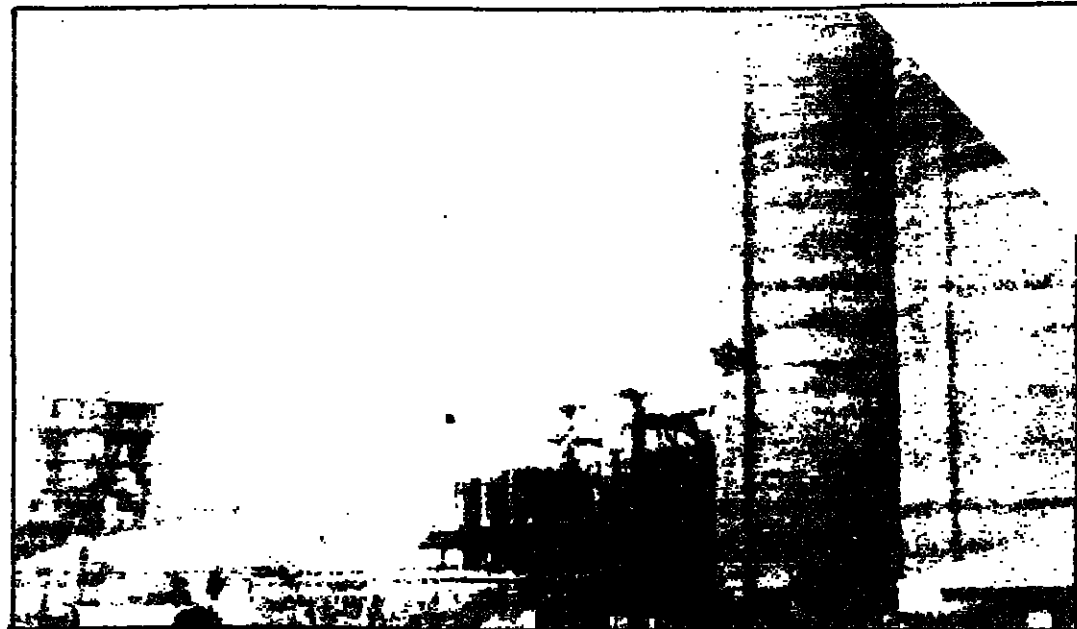
More coordination between ministries will be encouraged in order to avoid duplication of work, the minister said.

The minister said that a lot of the ministries' "business" was held up by the prolonged deliberations of the Lower House of Parliament. But the ministry had gone ahead and paid outstanding bills to the tune of JD 10.6 million.

He said that the capital expenditure for 1990 would be JD 115 million — JD 33 million from the budget and JD 81 million through loans.

The minister of planning, who was reported to be resigning earlier this week, made these comments at an informal meeting with members of the local press Sunday.

Informed sources said that the minister had indeed contemplated resigning because he had apparently received a job offer in one of the Arab Gulf countries. "The meeting with the press, however, indicates that he has probably opted to stay on as minister," said a source who asked not to be named. The minister did not comment on the reports of his resignation during his meeting with the press.



The white cement factory at Rashidiyah in southern Jordan (File photo)

Retrenched cement workers reinstated after intervention

By Sami Atiyeh
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A group of 12 workers who were sacked last Thursday from the white cement factory because of a temporary halt in production was successful Sunday in returning to their jobs after their complaints were aired by Lower House of Parliament during Saturday's session.

The general manager and 10 workers from the factory. According to Batarseh, the management of the company, which is jointly owned by the Jordanian and Syrian governments, welcomed the establishment of a labour union from within the factory, which will then represent the workers in any demands they have.

Jamal Ma'aita, one of the fired employees, told the Jordan Times that before the decision was reached to return to their jobs, the management had told the workers they had to be laid off because the factory had to stop production and "there was no need for the labourers to continue working for the time being."

staff received two months' salary as bonus while the workers did not.

With a capital of JD 10 million, the company, which was established in 1982, has suffered financial losses in the past years. According to the financial manager of the company, Khalil Saleh, it incurred a loss of JD 1,427,760 in 1988. He could not provide figures for 1989.

The workers demanded that their financial position and benefits be improved, according to the two workers who spoke to the Jordan Times, describing their condition as "unbearable for any human being."

"We are the ones who are exposed to the silver-plance (silver) which can seriously damage the lungs," Adnan said. "We are not just workers; we are also technicians and supervisors, and we are the ones who are there from the beginning to the end of the entire production process. Yet, we are not given health insurance and we do not even have medical check-ups. But the employees and administrative staff enjoy these privileges," he complained.

Minister of Labour Qasem Obeidat discussed the demands of the sacked workers with the management of the factory and it was decided that the workers return to their jobs at the beginning of next week.

The demands of the workers were raised by Lower House deputies Bassam Haddadin and Ahmad Kafaween, after which the labour minister announced that he would hold a meeting the following day, Sunday, with both the management and the workers.

"The management of the Arab Company for the Manufacture of White Cement has decided to return all 12 workers who were laid off last Thursday. The decision was made after we met with the general manager of the company," Obeidat told the Jordan Times after the meeting.

Obeidat said that all the demands of the workers were discussed in the meeting held at the Ministry of Labour and that all outstanding demands would be discussed in future meetings between the workers and the management of the company.

When the 12 workers were sacked last Thursday, they were not given any warning or compensation, according to Khalid Adnan, one of the group.

Batarseh said that if the factory was to stop production for more than two weeks and daily labourers have to be laid off again, "we will continue to pay their salaries." He did not say whether the workers would be paid if the factory closed for less than two weeks.

Ma'aita and Adnan said that the labourers received JD 85 a month, while Batarseh said that their salaries were JD 3 per day, or JD 90 a month. The workers added that permanent

Batarseh denied this allegation, saying that the workers did have regular medical check-ups and treatment.

Besides health insurance, the workers had demanded an increase in their salary of JD 85. They complained that they had never received raises during the two-year of work at the factory.

Adnan said that when 18 workers signed a petition demanding better conditions and gave it to the factory manager to pass it on to the general manager of the company, the manager ripped up the petition without delivering it.

He also said that the same day the workers' demands were published in Al Ra'i Arabic daily, the 12 were fired.



Khaled Al Karaki

Karaki pledges support for JWA

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Culture Khaled Al Karaki Sunday met with the president and executive members of the Jordanian Writers Association (JWA) and discussed the association's role in Jordan's cultural life.

The minister stressed the importance of the association's activities in enriching culture and in protecting Jordanian writers and providing them with the proper atmosphere to excel in their work.

Karaki said the ministry was willing to cooperate with the association to strengthen the Jordanian cultural movement. The ministry will continue to work to protect writers and their work through a proposed writers' copyright law, the ministry has already submitted to the Prime Ministry for legal procedures, he said.

JWA President Abdul Rahim Omar thanked the minister on behalf of the executive committee of the association for his continued support.

Fariz outlines role of trade, industrial sectors

IRBID (Petra) — Industry and Trade Minister Ziad Fariz Sunday stressed the important role that the trade and industrial sectors could play in developing the country's own resources and strengthening its national economy.

responsibilities and stressed the need for informing the ministry of the merchants' problems and concerns.

Irbid Governor Jawdat Al Shoul, who took part in the debate, stressed the need for decentralisation, saying that departure from routine work and centralised policies reflect positively on different aspects of work. He called on the government to reconsider its decision to move the Ramtha border check point to a new site, in view of the negative effects it would leave on Ramtha itself and Irbid Governorate.

In an open discussion with representatives of the trade and industrial sectors held at the Irbid Chamber of Commerce, Fariz said that Jordan suffers from economic and social problems, caused by a deficit in the balance of trade, the country's foreign debt and financial obligations and unemployment.

He said the country's economic policy was based on individual initiatives, and called for activating the national capacities to enable the country to cope with the challenges. He also called for finding solutions to the unemployment problem.

Director of the Jordan Industrial Estate Corporation Fayez Subehmat reviewed progress of work in Irbid Industrial Estate, and said that the corporation had decided to give 20 per cent discount to investors. He added that the corporation was considering other incentives to develop industry in Irbid Governorate and to help find jobs for citizens in the governorate.

Fariz called on the Irbid Chamber of Commerce to shoulder its responsibilities in making merchants aware of their duties and

in the Civil Servants Law. Ayyoub also chaired a meeting for a Jordanian-Egyptian sub-committee at the Arab Maritime Bridge Company. The committee discussed means of improving the services offered by the company and overcoming difficulties facing the smooth implementation of work. He then visited the Iraqi-Jordanian Land Transport Company, where he met with its deputy director and discussed with him issues pertaining to modernising the company's fleet of cars and selling old and unusable cars.

Ports Corporation urged to give priority to local workers

AQABA (Petra) — Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Ibrahim Ayyoub Sunday called for giving priority to Jordanian workers for jobs available at the Ports Corporation and for paying them higher salaries and providing proper housing for new workers.

At a meeting with Ports Corporation officials, Ayyoub called for replacing non-Jordanian workers with Jordanians. He discussed with them issues pertaining to a aid fund for staff and including the corporation's staff

in the Civil Servants Law. Ayyoub also chaired a meeting for a Jordanian-Egyptian sub-committee at the Arab Maritime Bridge Company. The committee discussed means of improving the services offered by the company and overcoming difficulties facing the smooth implementation of work. He then visited the Iraqi-Jordanian Land Transport Company, where he met with its deputy director and discussed with him issues pertaining to modernising the company's fleet of cars and selling old and unusable cars.

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Huda promises better quality, quantity

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Supply Nabil Abu Al Huda announced Sunday that the Civil Consumers' Corporation would improve quality and increase quantity within a short period to accommodate the government's policies aimed at minimising the burden of employees and providing them with better priced products. The minister told the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that daily meetings were being held to discuss ways to achieve this important move in the work of the society. He said the corporation would open new branches in the different parts of the Kingdom and concentrate on marketing local products to encourage local production.

Bee-keepers form society

AMMAN (Petra) — Bee-keepers in Jordan have formed a society and elected as its chairman Ibrahim Al Nather, professor of insecticides and bee-breeding at University of Jordan. The society aims at arousing interest in breeding bees, an important element in agricultural production and a pillar for national economy, Nather told Petra. The formation of the society also aims at bolstering scientific ties between Jordanian bee-keepers and their counterparts abroad through participation in conferences and international exhibitions, he said.

Accord signed with Soviets

AMMAN (Petra) — Amman Chamber of Industry and the Soviet Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sunday signed a memorandum of understanding on cooperation under which the two will exchange visits by delegations and will be trained and oriented on each others' regulations. The Soviet delegation welcomed a planned Jordanian industrial exhibition in Moscow this summer.

JD 9.65m produce exported in January

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan exported JD 9.65 million worth of vegetables and fruit in January, according to the Agricultural Marketing Organisation (AMO). Vegetables accounted for 80.6 per cent of the exports with fruits accounting for the rest, it said. Most of the exports were sent to the Arab Gulf countries, with Saudi Arabia ranking first, followed by Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Lebanon, Qatar and Bahrain. The AMO said only 2.3 of the exported volume were destined for European countries. January's exports were 84.8 per cent higher than those of January 1989, the AMO said.

QAF team back from Alexandria

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation representing the Queen Alia Jordan Social Welfare Fund (QAF) returned home Sunday from Alexandria after attending a meeting on young girls' welfare. The conference, organised by the Egyptian Family Planning Society and the Washington-based Centre for Development and Population Activities, recommended that information on the state of girls only, was held between 12 and 20 years be documented. The conference also called for enacting special regulations and legislations guaranteeing good education and health for girls and for organising the labour market with a view to ensuring good work opportunities for them. Taking part in the conference were women delegations from eight Arab countries. The Jordanian delegation included Inas Jarish and Taghrid Tubbeh.

Industrial property protection body meets

AMMAN (Petra) — The general assembly of the Arab Academy for Protection of Industrial Property in Jordan Saturday held a meeting to discuss its activities and review a report prepared by its board of directors. The assembly also set up a special committee, headed by Basil Bustami and grouping Issa Dalal and Khair Bano, entrusted with making proposals and suggestions on amendments to trade marks and commercial brands to cope with socio-economic development and the changes Jordan witnessed over the last few years.

W. German police delegation arrives

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation respecting West German police arrived in Amman Sunday. The delegation will discuss bilateral relations and cooperation in combating drugs.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- A plastic art exhibition which includes paintings, sculptures and ceramic works at the Spanish Cultural Centre.
- An exhibition of photos of plays directed by Cheran, Mesquich, Minouchine, Planchon and others, at the French Cultural Centre.
- A photographic exhibition entitled "Panorama 1989" at the Soviet Cultural Centre.
- An exhibition of paintings by Alla Annoueva, Nabila Hissi and Nawal Abdallah at Abdul Hameed Shomam Foundation.
- A plastic art exhibition by Tawfiq Al Sayed at the Goethe Institute.
- An exhibition entitled "The Blue Rider" at Ma'ta University.

LECTURE

A lecture by Sharif Fawaz Sharaf, Jordan's ambassador to West Germany, on the effect of the changes in Eastern Europe on Arab issues at Abdul Hameed Shomam Foundation — 6:30 p.m.

FILMS

A British film entitled "On the Black Hill", shown as part of the European film week at the Philadelphia Cinema — 8:00 p.m.

Soviet documentaries at the Soviet Cultural Centre — 5:30 p.m.


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Weekly Political Pulse

By Waleed Sadi

Practical steps to counter Jewish influx

IT USED to be fashionable for Arab diplomacy to knock at the doors of the United Nations every time the Arab World confronted a major external crisis. The resort to the United Nations system became so prolific in those earlier days that the United Nations headquarters was then dubbed as the Arab waiting hall. Now the automatic turning to the United Nations has faded and Arab "escapism" turned instead to Arab summits as the ultimate panacea to Arab woes and conflicts.

As a matter of fact and in all fairness it is too premature to dub Arab summits as another venue for Arab escapism or as a reflection of bankruptcy in Arab diplomacy or Arab politics within the Arab World or vis-a-vis the outside world. Unlike the United Nations system which was exhausted with the proliferation of Arab complaints and the shedding of Arab tears every time the Arab World or any part thereof became the subject of aggression the Arab summit phenomenon has yet to prove its viability and potency or the lack of them in settling inter-Arab disputes or in confronting external threats on any Arab country. To be sure Arab summits can in principle turn either way depending on how the Arab leaders play their cards and how serious they are about transforming those summits as venues for effective treatment of Arab hardships and difficulties. Still the record of Arab summits so far suggests that the Arab leaders have a long way to convince the Arab peoples that summits constitute the ultimate weapon and the kind of forum for meaningful dialogue and lasting commitments on which the Arab Nation can rely for all times. It has not escaped the attention and concern of Arabs everywhere that many past resolutions of Arab summits went unheeded and turned simply ink on paper. With such record, the effectiveness of an Arab summit to tackle the Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel will remain doubtful unless and until the projected Arab summit proves its worthiness as a serious tool to deal with this very serious

threat to the entire Arab order. To put it bluntly and more succinctly the Arab peoples everywhere are yearning for real and concrete evidence that future Arab summits will be drastically different from previous ones and are not intended or programmed to be a mere waiting hall for the Arab leaders and their people just like the United Nations used to be. It is nevertheless imperative that the next Arab summit on Soviet Jewry be given the benefit of the doubt as the Arab Nation has become short on ways and means to deal with its myriad conflicts and threats in a serious and profound way. Much more imperative and pressing is the responsibility of the Arab leaders to prove to their peoples that turning to Arab summits is truly the ultimate Arab weapon which can be as effective and biting as Arabs would want it to be.

And while it would be presumptuous to lecture the Arab leaders on what they should do to confront the emerging new challenges and threats to the Arab order, it is nevertheless permissible by way of counsel and recommendation to offer some thoughts on how, for example, they may deal with the Jewish exodus. As far as most Arab peoples are concerned the litmus test that would determine the seriousness of Arab reaction and action to face up to this new Israeli threat, is whether the Arab leaders would in fact translate their pious sentiments towards the Palestinian people under occupation into concrete actions and measures. To be more specific, the first concern is to gauge how meaningful is the Arab governments' support for the Palestinian intifada by way of bolstering and fortifying the continued presence of the Palestinian people on their soil. It would seem opportune if not outright overdue that the Arab countries agree on some Arab Marshall plan for the West Bank and Gaza Strip as a practical way to assure the perpetual presence of the Palestinian people in their lands which in turn may help frustrate Israeli plans to settle Soviet Jews in the occupied territories. The second test

would be determined by the kind of aid and support other Arab countries would extend to front-line states, notably Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. If massive Jewish immigration to Israel is genuinely viewed as a formidable and awesome threat to the entire Arab World, surely the Arab leaders would also agree that Jordan, Syria and Lebanon are the first tranches in the face of Israeli expansionism that deserve special aid.

There is no Arab leader who does not regard massive Jewish immigration as a phenomenon that will lead to Israeli expansionism. If this is the case, and one has the right to presume that it is, then it is incumbent on the Arab leaders in their forthcoming summit to go beyond expressing sentiments over Jewish immigration whether by way of raising their public voices against it or by sending delegations and emissaries to Moscow and Washington or wherever to warn against its consequences. It must be clear to all Arabs by now that in the wake of the volcanic eruptions that took place in the Soviet Union and its allied East European countries, the Arab World's clout has diminished considerably and unless the Arab order undergoes profound changes and reformations it is going to be left way behind as a light weight power in the international arena. No amount of screaming or yelling or sobbing will do the job of changing the decision of Moscow and Washington on massive Jewish immigration to Israel and the sooner the Arab World comprehends this the better.

Making the Palestinians more robust and resilient is worth more than all the diplomatic complaints now envisaged or contemplated by the Arab governments. Likewise making Jordan, Syria and Lebanon that much stronger and secure its worth more than all the countless condemnations and censurings that the Arab governments are thinking of. How then the projected Arab summit moves and acts on the Jewish exodus to Israel will make or break it for all intents and purposes.

Another turn in a long struggle

NELSON MANDELA, the brightest symbol of freedom and equality in recent times, has finally won his own liberation and freedom after 27 years of incarceration. With his belated, yet most welcome liberation, an avalanche of other freedoms and equality for the South African blacks is expected to be set free. To be sure, the triumph of Mandela over oppression and apartheid is a triumph for all mankind which yearns for racial freedom and self-determination. Mandela's freedom is therefore an occasion for the entire world to rejoice and celebrate. True, what remains to be done in terms of the South Africans' struggle for equality and freedom is indeed long and tortuous. This is therefore no time for the blacks of South Africa to relax their ongoing struggle or for all freedom supporters everywhere to relax their vigilance. As Mandela himself has repeatedly warned, freedom does not come in half measures. Man, he said, is either completely free or not free at all. Perhaps Mandela can be best appreciated for this dictum on the conceptual framework of freedom and equality which has great bearing and implications on all struggles for freedom and equality across the entire world. That is why the fight against apartheid in South Africa has taken many routes and dimensions, including the insistence of Mandela himself on the lifting of the emergency regime from the law books of his country as a prelude to negotiations with the government of South Africa. What Mandela and his African National Congress are in effect saying is that freedom is indivisible and one cannot separate one component of it from the other.

At the same time, one must not neglect to mention the decision by which Mandela's release was made possible. True, the decision of President F.W. de Klerk to set free Mandela and legalise the ANC was a direct result of the perseverance of the blacks of South Africa. Still, the fact that de Klerk responded in a favourable way deserves recognition. With this new mood in South Africa, the stage is set for additional bold steps on the way to introduce other complementary measures on the way to making South Africa and its people, white and black alike, truly free.

There are no signs as yet for example that the South African government is leaning towards dismantling apartheid per se. The insistence on so-called equal but separate treatment of blacks and whites in South Africa is reminiscent of the now defunct American system of treating the negroes and whites of the United States "equally but separately." Fortunately, the U.S. supreme court had ruled such a proposition as unconstitutional and since that landmark decision the U.S. has moved diligently albeit not completely in the direction of dislodging such an absurd concept from the American jurisprudence. No doubt, in due course South Africa will move in that direction as well and when that time comes, then and only then the celebration of Mandela's freedom will be complete.

JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

APPEALS by the Arab countries to the superpowers and other nations of the world to help end the influx of Soviet Jews to Palestine will not yield any fruitful results, said Al Ra'i Arabic daily in an editorial Sunday. The only means of making their rights respected and felt by other nations is unity of ranks and political and military stand, the paper said. The daily said that the superpowers realise the harm they are doing to the Arabs by allowing a million Jews to emigrate from Russia to the occupied territories, but they still persist in going along with pre-arranged plans for such emigration. The Arabs most unfortunately are following the traditional policy of holding a dialogue with the superpowers and other influential states with the hope of persuading them to exercise pressure on Israel, said the paper. But, it added, this is a futile policy leading nowhere and can never restore Arab or Palestinian rights.

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily Sunday praises the government of Prime Minister Modar Badran for its bold step of curtailing the presence of foreign workers in Jordan, earning their living at the expense of thousands of unemployed Jordanians. Abdul Rahman Qasbi says that it is not reasonable for a country like Jordan carrying a heavy burden of foreign debts to continue to employ thousands of non-Jordanian workers who transfer their income to their home country, leaving Jordanian job-seekers without any income. But the writer says that a country like Jordan which has been supplying other Arab states with skilled workers and technicians can and should now embark on plans by which all job-seekers can be trained to do work now being done by non-Jordanians. The writer admits that the country is still in need of certain categories of foreign workers in industry, agriculture and other specialised fields, but, he notes, that the Ministry of Labour in cooperation with the Federation of Jordanian Labour Unions and the Ministry of Planning can and should overcome the problem through training programmes and through media campaigns to persuade job-seekers to take up any job that can earn them money and at the same time help their country at this crucial stage.

Sawt Al Shasab Arabic daily pointed an accusing finger at Israel saying it was behind the attack on the bus carrying Israeli tourists near Ismailia in Egypt. The paper said that the attackers had planned the assault on the bus inside the occupied territories and were found to have employed American-made weapons used by the Israeli army to carry out their mission. One can only conclude that the Israelis want Egypt and other Arab countries to stop their world-wide campaign against the influx of Soviet Jews to Palestine and wants the Camp David peace accord to be destroyed so that it would not interfere in the ongoing immigration process, said the paper. The daily noted that Egypt's minister of interior announced that the perpetrators had made their plans inside Israel using American weapons to serve Israel's purpose and no other.

'Likud's battle is over power, not ideology'

By Steve Weitzman
Reuters

TEL AVIV — Feuding leaders of Israel's Likud party say they are debating the future of their country and Middle East peace but some see it purely as a struggle for succession inside the right-wing party.

Hardline rebels challenging Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir at a key meeting Monday are less concerned about proposed Israeli-Palestinian talks than which of them will succeed the 74-year-old party leader, says Likud member Yossi Belboim. "The game is in no way ideological, it's totally personal, staking out positions of strength within the party for a battle of succession," said Belboim, a member of the party's central committee who backs Shamir.

The result of the power struggle could derail any hope of progress towards peace. The Labour party has threatened to withdraw from the ruling coalition if Shamir reneges on his peace plan.

Belboim says Shamir — no less than the hardliners — opposes concessions over the talks and mooted Palestinian elections in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip but does not want to be seen as scuttling U.S.-backed peace efforts.

"There are things that he cannot say out loud — not for now at least," he said.

Shamir and his opponents have sent the central committee's 3,000 members conflicting invitations to the Monday meeting. Shamir's summons calls for a vote of confidence in his leadership. The hawkish rebels want debate to define and limit his power to make policy.

The rebels are led by Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy and Economics Minister Yitzhak Modai. Sharon and Levy see themselves as candidates to succeed Shamir. Modai hopes to benefit if either becomes party chief.

Sharon and Levy are angry at Shamir's apparent preference that his heir be Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, an American-trained professor of aeronautical engineering. The meeting, originally set for last Wednesday, was postponed because of the ambush-killing of nine Israeli tourists near Cairo last week.

Sharon, a former general and

defence minister who directed Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, seized on the attack to justify his opposition to the proposed U.S. and Egyptian-sponsored Israeli-Palestinian talks in Cairo.

In the days leading up to the meeting, animosity among the Likud rivals has degenerated into personal attacks.

Modai referred to the diminutive Shamir as "a shorty who runs onto a basketball court...and tries to interfere with giant players." Arens is also a favourite target.

Sharon labels Arens a draft dodger for completing his education in the United States in 1948 while the Jewish state battled Arab armies.

Levy, a Morocco-born former construction worker sensitive to perceived class barriers, speaks of "academics" and "the professor" with undisguised contempt.

Levy has repeatedly complained that important issues facing the broad coalition government are decided by Shamir and Arens, together with Labour's Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin, while he is left in the dark. Belboim thinks the anticipated battle Monday could have been avoided if the prime minister had given Levy less cause to feel slighted.

"As deputy prime minister and deputy party chairman, Shamir did not take him into his confidence enough," he said.

Belboim, in constant touch with other committee members throughout the country, says he will back Shamir and is confident the premier will win a comfortable majority.

"Everybody says the same thing, we cannot let this damage our party, we must show unity," he said. "I would say that Shamir will have the support of 80 per cent of the delegates."

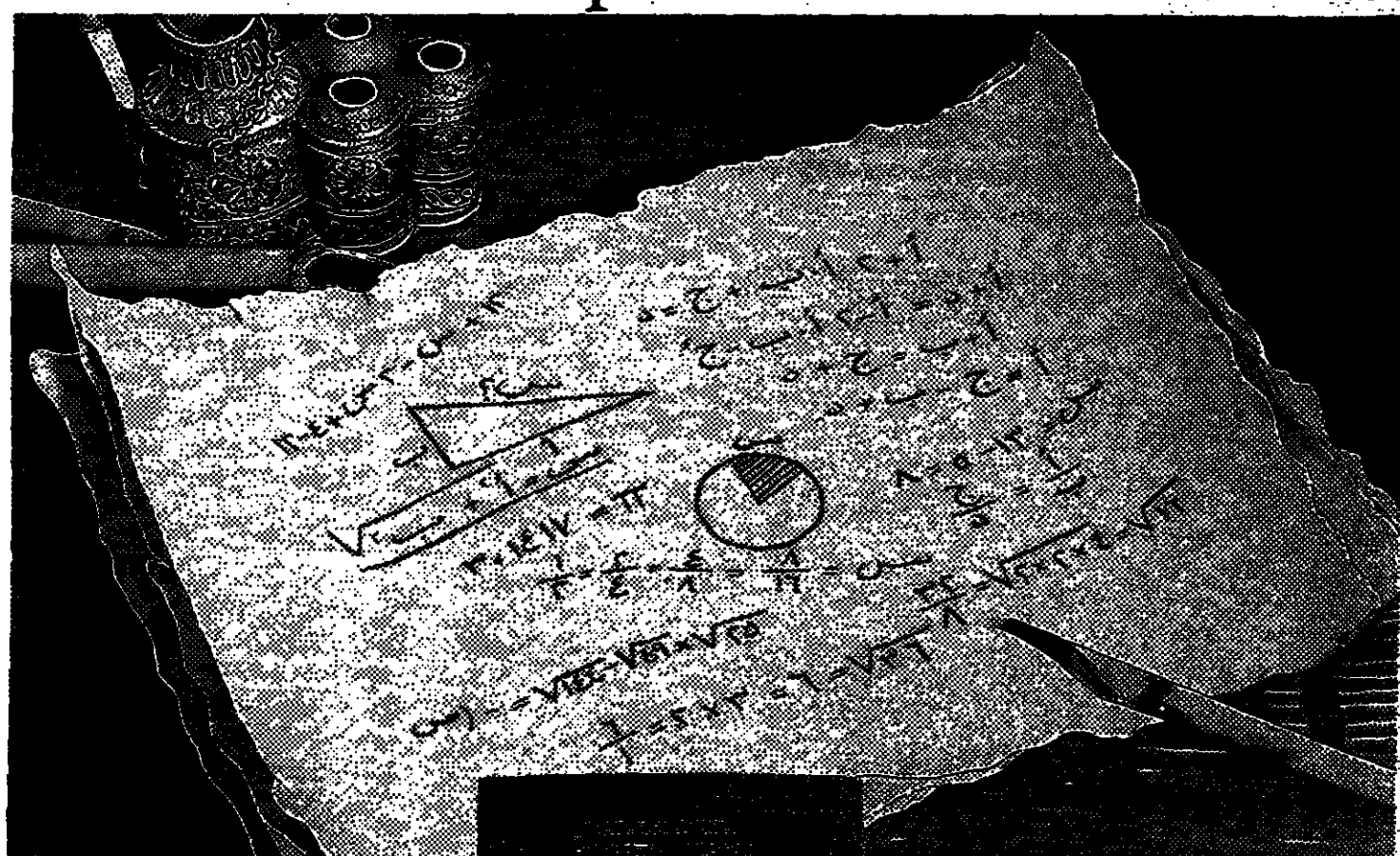
Organisers, anticipating a long and possibly rowdy session, have booked a conference hall from Monday afternoon until early Tuesday morning and hired squads of private guards.

The party's image — reinforced when a 1986 committee session ended with chairs and bottles flying — is one of beer-drinking roughnecks, mostly manual workers born in the Arab World.

A new generation of Likud politicians — former lawyers, economists and diplomats — are attracting young, middle class voters while some traditional support has gone to religious parties, he said.



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Munir Bashir, a life-long performance

By Nelly Lema
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Iraqi-born oud player and music instructor Munir Bashir, secretary general of the Arab Music Academy (AMA) and head of the regional secretariat of International Music Council (IMC), was invited to Jordan to attend the meetings and rostrum of the two institutions here in Amman last week.

Bashir, who has attended similar meetings all over the world, finds the Jordan-based Arab Music Rostrom most resourceful and very enriching.

Bashir started his life in Mosul, northern Iraq, in a family that claims seven generations of musicians. Since childhood he had what he called "the Arabic complex".

"I felt that we are a people with a deep culture and civilization that is worth protecting," he explained. He was familiar with Occidental music through his older brother Jamil who played the violin. "We were the first household in Mosul to buy a gramophone; we called it 'Abu Chaleh' since the dog on it was the logo of His Master's Voice."

He heard the murawashahat from his father, a renowned musician/educator. At age nine he was introduced to Sherif Moeheiddin Haider from the Iraqi royal family, director of the Institute of Music in Baghdad. He was to leave the deepest impression on Bashir, who describes him as a noble because he was a shirif and also because he saw nobility in music. "He advised me to study cello for my fingers to loosen up and for the technique. I also studied the piano and composed music when only 10. I had a deep feeling for the ud but I was scorned; it was not appreciated as an instrument that could stand in with Western instruments. I believed that if the mentality behind the ud was primitive and sickly, it could be developed, educated and refined in order to produce the highest standard of music and bring back the golden days of the instrument."

This is the road that Bashir followed, a tough one with a clear aim. When he received the prize for a competition in Turkey where many classical European and Turkish orchestras, ensembles and opera groups had participated, he realised that he was

following the right road. "The ud has its great value among those who know it," he says.

He lived in Beirut where he recorded works with the Rahbani brothers, and for the first and last time accompanied a vocalist, the celebrated Arab singer Fayrouz in a number of recordings. Frustrated at finding "no appreciation" for his instrumentals, he became the first television producer in the Arab World in 1954-57. Carrying his ud wherever he goes, he managed to be the first Arab to record his music at the "Third Programme of the BBC". Radio France also recorded his music. He travelled through Europe imbibing all its music keeping one thing in mind "Will the ud ever play a part in the music of these countries?"

He approached the Music Academy of Budapest in Hungary. He remembers the state of arrogance and ambition in which he approached it and what a humbling experience it was to start from the beginning, in the correct manner, on the piano, to learn all about music. "Parkash Franz, the director of the academy, was interested in Oriental music and so they were both teaching and receiving from me all I knew about Arab and Iraqi music. In the third year I met Kodaly, who was then 83. He asked me to teach them about Arab music as I would teach children. I soon joined the research department and made a comparative study of Occidental and Arab music. As for Kodaly's pedagogic method, it opened a whole new field for me," says Bashir.

He spent some time performing and researching in Lebanon, and worked on the music of a Jordanian film.

At that time he faced the worst part of his career. "I was faced with proud ignorance, mediocrity, a decadent culture, untruthful boasting, false compliments and a refusal of spiritual music which to me was very essential." He was invited to lecture and perform at the University of Geneva. "This is what really launched me," he claims.

Bashir played in 50 European countries, and was the first Arab artist to play in the Kennedy Centre, the USA. He remembers with awe the day he was guest of honour at the Versailles Cathedral. "Remembering that brings



Munir Bashir

tears to my eyes. Munir Bashir, I said to myself, you have preceded your time. If the ud acquires culture, it performs. If it performs it is heard. If it is heard, it is respected and will be part of world culture!"

Bashir has won many awards and medals from Spain, France, Italy and Poland. He holds the golden keys of some cities.

After recounting all this the maestro raised his voice and in a crescendo of excitement cited that he had at last received his first Arab award from Her Majesty Queen Noor. He commended the good work of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation, through the National Conservatory of Music. "If we teach well, time will be on our side we will get a better generation of artists," Bashir accepts as essential the teaching of Occidental music, but "why do Westerners not teach Arabic music?" Mental imperialism, he calls it. "Occidentals look at us as primitive people. We have culture, we might not be as good as they are but we have a lot to offer," he says.

Bashir believes in women as thorough teachers and good students of music. He believes that a musical institution should not accept failing students. "We would like the students to understand theory, to manage their business, to research, compose, to form a library, etc."

Bashir is not against "entertaining" musicians. "We need them for our leisure, for weddings or sad events, but we should have genuine values in Arabic music. Think of Al Farabi and Al Kindi; they affected the civilisation of the world. We should strive to walk in their steps. I am now working for the

Arab Academy of Music trying to make Arab music known to the world. In any case, they are opening up to it." His works are being recorded on compact disks.

Mastery of instrument

When you hear Bashir play, you journey to India hearing tones close to Ravi Shankar's, to Andalusia and the effects of a flamenco guitar, to the Maqamat of Abasid Iraq, to the music of Byzantium, Yemen and Carthage. All this and more is perceived in his improvised interpretation. His technique is impeccable, he has a mastery of his instrument that is rare. He does not follow a solid structure but goes from one motif to another, sweeping the audience from an avalanche of strong vibratos to a calm almost inaudible plucking of strings going so slowly from one note to the other that one can hardly see his fingers move. Such contrasted effects can have quite an impression on people's emotions.

"Music does not need a cultured audience," he advises. "But it should make them cultured. One should play in a way that even simple people can understand."

Bashir is familiar with every performer who performed on the ud at the Amman meeting. He found the Fuhels group "interesting," the Nigham group "good time to grow and widen their horizons." He pleads with them both to keep their pure Jordanian element. He respects the symphony orchestra of the Armed Forces. "They should practice incessantly, and let young musical soldiers start early." As for Marc Loopyut who failed to show up, he hopes to found with him an institute for the ud, he invited him and 30 French artists to perform in the Festival of Babylon. He takes pride in Patrick Lama, "a hard-working composer who lives the life and ethics of a musician. He tries to use his Western culture to offer something Oriental in spite of the difficulty of the scales."

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South Korea plans to spring a surprise

SEOUL (R) — South Korea, the first Asian nation to qualify for two successive World Cup finals, hopes to spring a major surprise in Italy by squeezing into the second round at the expense of one of the traditional powers of international soccer.

The South Koreans may not be able to match their Group E rivals Belgium, Spain and Uruguay for strength, but hope to with skill and stealth, and in hard working striker Kim Ju-Sung they have a player with the ability to inspire them to unexpected successes.

Dubbed the "little Samson" because of his thick shoulder-length hair, Kim was named Asia's most valuable player for 1989 by the international federation of football history and statistics.

Former national team manager Kim Jung-Nam said: "His ability to break through a defence is surprising. I think he is a strong candidate to be one of the new world stars to emerge from the World Cup."

Despite the optimism surrounding his squad, team manager Lee Hae-Taik, who took over in December 1988, remains realistic in his appraisal of South Korea's chances in Italy.

"Our squad has a long way to go before it meets the standards of our three opponents in Group E," he said. "But I believe that any team in the world will find it difficult to beat us easily. Our main target is to get past the first round in Italy by scoring at least a win or two draws."

Lee said his squad would focus on beating Uruguay who he felt

had a weaker team than Belgium or Spain.

Lee led the team to six successive wins against Malaysia, Singapore and Nepal on the way to their triumph in the Asian final qualifying tournament in Singapore last October.

There, South Korea showed more coordination and flair than any of their rivals as they finished top of the six-team tournament with three wins and two draws.

The United Arab Emirates qualified behind them as runners-up.

"Our team scored 30 goals and conceded only one during a total of 11 qualifying round matches last year. This proves that we are

undeniably Asia's top soccer power," said an official of the Korea Football Association (KFA).

The South Korean squad is a mixture of seasoned professionals, including striker Choi Soon-Ho and veteran captain Chung Yong-Han who led the side during the 1986 finals in Mexico, and a number of promising youngsters.

Hwang Son-Hong, at 21 the youngest player in the squad, has made a name for himself with his turn of speed and sharpness around the penalty area. He scored seven goals in the Asian qualifying matches.

Lendl reaches Milan final

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Top-seeded Ivan Lendl Saturday fought back from a first-set deficit to defeat young American Pete Sampras 3-6, 6-0, 6-3 in a semifinal match of the Milan indoor tennis tournament.

The 29-year-old Czechoslovak, the number one player in the world, qualified for his third final in the Milan competition, a stage of the ATP tour.

He takes on the winner of a later all-American semifinal between second-seeded John McEnroe and fifth-seeded Tim Mayotte.

Lendl, unusually nervous during the first set, protested the crowd behaviour and at one moment stopped play for about four minutes, asking organisers to identify and silence a lone protester.

"Of course it was not like in Rome when hundreds, not to say thousands of people yell all together. But that guy yelled any time I tossed my first serve. He thought that the soccer match was today, not tomorrow," Lendl explained after downing Sampras in their first head-to-head match.

RJ craft wins 3rd phase

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Jordanian (RJ) aircraft, Saqr Al Urdun (Falcon of Jordan) kept the lead in Malaysia International air race after winning the third phase between Dhaka and Langkawi.

Saqr Al Urdun, crew, which won the first two phases of the race, will Monday attend a celebration in Langkawi and will receive two awards, the first for winning the first place and the second for crossing the distance in a time shorter than the specified time in 11 points.

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3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

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Opening lead: Queen of ♠

The expert technician at the card

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The expert declarer actually performs

the act!

Note South's game try of three

hearts. It is the suit in which he

needs help, and has the added advantage

that it might discourage the

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of the game try is clear cut.

After a heart lead it is obvious

that, as the cards lie, declarer will

have to lose three heart tricks and a

trump. At the table, however, West

made the normal lead of the queen

of clubs. Even so, it still seemed that

declarer would have to surrender

four tricks. But then declarer began

to work his wonders.

South won the ace of clubs and

immediately ruffed a club. Next, the

ace and king of trumps were cashed

to reveal a trump loser but, since it

was West who held the winning

trump, declarer was in control. After

cashing the ace and king of diamonds,

he continued with a low

diamond. If West ruffed with the

master trump, one of dummy's

heart losers would go and a heart

would eventually be ruffed on the

board, so West discarded a club and

the table ruffed.

Declarer returned to hand with a

club ruff and led his remaining

diamond, and West was fixed. If that

defender parted with his last club,

he would set up a club in dummy,

and ruffing would still allow one of

the board's hearts to be discarded.

West was forced to pitch a heart,

and declarer was able to take two

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THE Daily Crossword by Wilson Mulheath

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Troops patrol towns on separatists' anniversary

India clamps curfew on Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — Troops patrolled the curfew-bound city of Srinagar and major Kashmir towns Sunday to prevent demonstrations commemorating the sixth anniversary of the execution of a Muslim separatist leader.

The streets of Srinagar were deserted after the government announced a round-the-clock curfew would be enforced Sunday.

Witnesses who spoke on condition of anonymity said dozens of army trucks carrying soldiers rolled into Srinagar late Friday. Troops took up positions on Srinagar's outskirts and all vehicles entering the city were stopped and searched.

Wall posters appeared in several parts of Srinagar overnight, calling for demonstrations to commemorate the execution of militant leader Mohammad Maqbool Butt.

Butt was hanged in New Delhi on Feb. 11, 1984, for the 1965

murder of an intelligence agent in Kashmir.

Butt founded the Jammu-Kashmir Liberation Front, which is spearheading a violent campaign for secession from predominantly Hindu India of the Himalayan state of Jammu-Kashmir, the country's only Muslim majority state.

The 4-decade-old movement is based in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu-Kashmir state and its largest city. Jammu region, south of Kashmir, is Hindu dominated.

At least 82 people have died in the latest round of secessionist violence in Kashmir, which flared on Jan. 20 when Muslim mobs took to the streets and clashed

with security forces. Most victims were protesters defying curfew, who were shot by police or troops.

Curfew has been restricted to night hours since Jan. 26 because authorities said the situation has stabilized. But a curfew, scheduled to be reimposed at 6 p.m. local time (1230 GMT) Saturday, was imposed at 11 a.m. Saturday after the bombs went off.

Police officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the blasts occurred outside two banks, a post office and other shops, and businesses without causing any known casualties. No one claimed responsibility, but authorities blamed the separatists.

India accuses Pakistan of arming and training the Kashmiri militants. Pakistan denies the charge and says the Kashmiris have the right to self-determination.

"We want a peaceful solution

but at the same time Pakistan cannot be intimidated," Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto warned India during a 30-minute speech to more than 200 Pakistani lawmakers Saturday.

Ms. Bhutto rejected India's accusations that Pakistan has fomented the 2-month-old rebellion in its troubled northwestern state.

"This revolution has not come from outside, it has come from the heart of the people," she said. "It is a war of freedom."

Kashmir was divided between India and Pakistan after the two countries were partitioned following the end of British colonial rule in 1947. Srinagar and the surrounding areas of the valley became part of Jammu-Kashmir.

Sixty-four per cent of the state's 5 million people are Muslims, but nationwide, Muslims make up 12 per cent of the 880 million population.

Aquino to snub Cheney

MANILA (AP) — President Corason Aquino said Sunday she will refuse to meet Defence Secretary Dick Cheney during his visit to the Philippines next week following criticism of her administration by U.S. officials and media.

Cheney, who left Washington for Hawaii last Saturday, is expected to arrive here on Feb. 18 as part of a tour of the Far East.

In her weekly national radio address, Mrs. Aquino cited unfavourable reports in U.S. newspapers following recent visits by Robert Gates, President George Bush's deputy national security adviser, and U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe of Arizona.

"I've been thinking that (during such meetings) we talk of one thing and afterward something else is published in American newspapers," Mrs. Aquino said. Mrs. Aquino said that because of "our sad experience of the last two visits," only Secretary of Defence Fidel Ramos would meet Cheney during his visit.

In Honolulu, Defence Department spokesman Pete Williams said Cheney's schedule had not been "nailed down" and "it's unsure whether we'll see Mrs. Aquino or not."

Mrs. Aquino routinely meets with scores of foreign officials, legislators, educators and businessmen. Her refusal to meet with a U.S. official of Cheney's rank would be highly unusual, considering Bush's support for her administration.

On Dec. 1, U.S. Air Force jets flew air cover in support of pro-government forces battling military mutineers trying to oust Mrs. Aquino.

The two governments are expected to begin talks next month on extending the lease on the six U.S. military bases, which expires next year.

Following Gates' visit last month, U.S. officials delivered rare public criticism of the Aquino administration. During testimony last month before the House Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence Carl Ford warned that the political situation here remains "unsettled."

During the same hearing, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State David Lambertson warned of the danger of a new coup attempt and said that corruption was hampering government operations.

Following a visit here last January, Kolbe said Mrs. Aquino favours retaining U.S. bases but is in a "very awkward position" politically because of others' opposition to them.

Yeltsin: Soviets could face bloody revolution

LONDON (R) — Maverick Soviet politician Boris Yeltsin has said the Soviet Union could face a Roman-style revolution if the Communist Party does not reform itself more quickly.

Yeltsin, Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's fiercest critic, said in an interview in Britain's Sunday Times that if the slow pace of reform continued people would take to the streets and a bloody revolution would follow, with the KGB secret police fighting to maintain the old order.

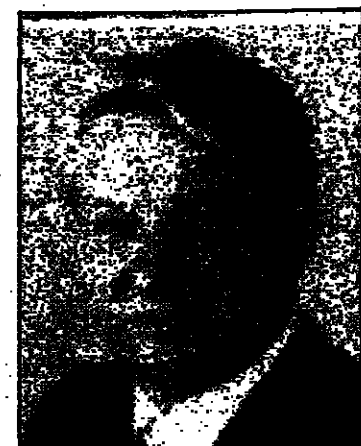
He also said he was prepared to set up his own political party if hardliners were not removed from the Communist Party leadership at a congress expected in June.

"The Communist Party is five years behind. We should have started perestroika reforms within the party, but nothing has been done to democratise the party," he said.

As a result the Soviet Union was about to enter a critical phase with nobody in control, said Yeltsin, the only member of the party's Central Committee to vote against Gorbachev's reform plans announced this week.

"It is going to follow the same pattern as the Eastern European countries. The most important thing is whether we will be able to control it within some civilised limits as in Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria or East Germany, or since we have such a monster as the KGB, whether we will follow the Romanian pattern and have civil war," he said.

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Asked whether the KGB would fight to preserve the old order, Yeltsin said: "undoubtedly."

He said the congress in the summer was the last chance to avoid disaster and if the party did not reform itself from within he would consider setting up his own breakaway party.

"I don't like to say my party. I'm against personalisation...but some new party."

"We would depart from dogma, including Marxism and Leninism. We might take something useful from this ideology, but we should reject all dogma," Yeltsin said.

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Chinese students dismayed by new travel restrictions

PEKING (R) — Chinese students, under ever tighter state control since leading last year's democracy movement, have expressed dismay and anger at new regulations preventing them from studying abroad.

According to an official document circulating among institutes and government offices, Chinese must work for five years before they can leave the country to study.

The new rules have not been announced publicly, but on Saturday an official in the State Education Commission confirmed their existence. He declined to give details.

Diplomats in Peking said the restrictions were aimed at stemming a haemorrhage of talent, and as a reply to the United States and other Western countries that had extended the visas of students fearing persecution on returning to China.

"Soon North Korea and Vietnam will be the only countries we will be able to visit," joked a student who expects the passport

he already possesses to be revoked under the new regulations.

"The Communist Party has nothing new to offer," he added. Another student said scornfully, "I'm sure the sons and daughters of the top cadres will find a way to study abroad."

Reaction has been muted on Peking campuses, hotbeds of dissent last year before the bloody military crackdown in June, as many students are on winter vacation.

Only a month ago, Education Minister Li Tiejing said China would not abandon the principle of sending students abroad.

More than 80,000 have gone overseas on state sponsorship since China launched economic reforms in 1978, and 30,000 have returned so far, Li said.

Thousands of Chinese have also paid for themselves to go abroad, many of them finding work on building sites and in sweatshops in Japan. Long Visa queues outside foreign embassies are an everyday sight in Peking.

NATO, Warsaw Pact to begin talks on surveillance overflights

OTTAWA, Canada (AP) — NATO and Warsaw Pact negotiators begin talks Monday on opening their skies to surveillance overflights under radically different conditions than the idea was proposed a year ago, experts say.

Negotiators at the three-week "open skies" conference will begin work on a plan under which all 16 members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) and the seven Warsaw

Pact countries would allow unarmed aircraft to fly over each other's territory to monitor military installations and compliance with arms agreements.

Alliance leaders already have agreed in principle to implement the idea, resurrected in the spring of 1989 by U.S. President George Bush from a proposal first put forth in the 1950s.

Since Bush made the proposal to build goodwill and trust, gov-

ernments in nearly every Soviet Bloc country in Eastern Europe have changed hands.

Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland already have begun to scale back their armies and demand Moscow withdraw tens of thousands of Red Army troops from their soil.

East Germany, Bulgaria and Romania are likely to follow suit after ejecting hard-line Communist leaders.

Romania gripped by protests

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Drivers demanding better working conditions surrounded government headquarters with hundreds of trucks and buses during a protest over policies inherited from pre-revolutionary days.

The drivers' demonstration Saturday coincided with a march by 100 army soldiers who want better pay and rallies by tens of thousands of ethnic Hungarians to demand equal rights.

All the protests represent challenges to a struggling revolutionary government, which has been battered by critics who say it is perpetuating both the policies and the personnel of Communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. He was toppled in December in a popular uprising combined with an army rebellion.

The drivers, who huddled with entire families in trucks at Victory Square, said their basic equipment and supplies — such as tires, engine oil and batteries — were still being rationed very severely. They also demanded better inter-city highways before they eventually left.

Their union, the 100,000-member Romanian Drivers' Syndicate, also claimed that police have used harsh tactics against them, automatically suspending and sometimes revoking drivers' licenses for even minor offenses.

Some of the bus drivers, whose buses and equipment belong to the Ministry of Tourism, also called for reinstating Tourism Minister Mihai Lupoi, who last month pleaded their case before the government.

On Friday, Lupoi as involved in a traffic accident that the drivers believe was "purposely arranged by the (National Salvation) Front," bus driver Ion Stefanica said.

Lupoi told the Associated Press that he was not sure why the truck had swerved into his car.

Opposition shows signs of strength despite all-out Sandinista campaign

MANAGUA (AP) — The main opposition coalition in the Feb. 25 election has been hampered by fear, low funding, personal rivalry, ideological divisions and a presidential candidate with a fractured knee.

But it is drawing ever increasing crowds to its rallies, and its true strength may be even larger on election day.

The ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front's rallies are larger and better organised than those of the United National Opposition, but they are also sated with government employees who fear they would risk their jobs if they don't attend.

"You'll never see me at an UNO rally," said a 37-year-old Managua professional who spoke on condition of anonymity. "There's still a chance of violence, and who wants to get beaten up? But I'm voting for UNO. That's for sure."

The UNO candidate, Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, publisher of the opposition newspaper La Prensa, suffered a fractured knee on New Year's Eve and has been campaigning from a wheelchair in the back of a pickup truck under a sun tent, looking like "a saint at a procession," as one of her aides put it.

Attendance at UNO rallies has shot from several hundred into the thousands in the last three weeks — an estimated 7,000 in the town of Jinotega; 6,000 in Granada; 10,000 in Esteli; 7,000 in Rivas.

"I know some people will come by tomorrow to nag you about having come," said Mrs. Chamorro in Esteli, referring to the Sandinistas. "But just remember your vote is secret."

President Daniel Ortega, seeking another six-year term, has shed his sober image and campaigned vigorously in T-shirts and bomber jackets. The Sandinistas have also enlisted Alf, the U.S. TV comedy character who is a favourite of Nicaraguan children.

Alf, a fuzzy space alien with a

long snout, is pictured on wall murals as telling his planet Earth how Willy that he will vote Sandinista.

An inveterate cat-hater, Alf also is pictured squeezing the neck of a feline representing UNO. Sandinista spokesmen said they did not know if Alf's creators had given their permission for the alien endorsement.

In any case, the Sandinistas seem to be nervous. "And when you return to your neighbourhoods, to your villages, talk to your neighbour, to your friend, to your relative, to anyone who still might be confused," urged Ortega at a rally in Somoto.

Violence subsided after an UNO rally in Masatepe last December turned into a bloody riot that left one dead and about 20 injured. Police now patrol every rally, and international election observers have praised the job they're doing to keep order.

Confusion is what seemed to reign at an UNO rally on Feb. 4 in the small town of Posoltega. A brief fistfight erupted between Antonio Lacayo, campaign manager and Mrs. Chamorro's son-in-law, and Jaime Bonilla of the independent Liberal Party, which provided Mrs. Chamorro's running mate, Virgilio Godoy.

Nobody at UNO wanted to discuss the fight, in which Lacayo and Bonilla exchanged punches on stage before an amused crowd.

The brawl pointed to deep divisions within UNO, a coalition of 14 parties with a broad range of ideologies from Communist to conservative whose only common denominator is their opposition to the Sandinistas.

Personal and ideological rifts have been reported pitting Godoy against Lacayo; Mrs. Chamorro's son, Pedro Joaquín, against Mrs. Chamorro's close adviser, former contra directorate member Alfredo Cesar, and a host of other minor rivalries.

Mrs. Chamorro's choice of campaign manager has been called an example of nepotism. Lacayo, a businessman, has no previous political experience.

The opposition also complains of lack of money, and the U.N. observer mission has noted the Sandinistas' continued use of government property. Use of public property is allowed, but a party has to pay for it.

Last week Soviet-made military helicopters flew over the town of Jinotega, showering Sandinista flyers and touting an Ortega rally.

The Sandinistas regularly try to cut attendance at UNO rallies by scheduling baseball games or free parties at the same time.

Pressure tactics apparently have not muzzled some. As trucks were boarding about 100 people and buses to return to their towns and villages following a Sandinista rally in Jinotega, one man climbing into a large truck yelled a loud and defiant, "viva la UNO."

There are no reliable polls to help observers call the race, and crowd-counting sometimes is the only game in town.

UNO and Sandinista crowds were about equal at rallies in Granada, Nicaragua's second-largest city, but there was considerably more visible enthusiasm at the UNO rally. However, in Jinotega the UNO rally was only half the size of the Sandinista rally.

Mrs. Chamorro scored a point with an endorsement Thursday from Yatama, a coalition of Atlantic coast Indians. The Indians may represent as many as 80,000 votes in the 1.7 million-strong electorate.

Meanwhile, the Sandinistas are wooing as many groups as possible and trying to take the wind out of Mrs. Chamorro's sails. On Friday, the government released 39 former members of dictator Anastasio Somoza's National Guard and almost 1,000 captured contra guerrillas.

Romanian mayor warns of possible counterrevolution in 'martyr city'

TIMISOARA, Romania (AP) — Thousands of members of Romania's hated Securitate secret police have eluded authorities and may be plotting a "counterrevolution" to seize control, Timisoara's mayor warned.

Alemoreanu Pompliu, in an interview with the Associated Press Friday, also said the official death toll of 100 that officials reported for Timisoara in the December revolution was far too low. He said doctors were intimidated into underreporting the number of deaths.

Timisoara, the cradle of the popular revolution that toppled Communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu on Dec. 22, officially is described as Romania's "martyr city" for its heavy toll of bloodshed.

The city continues to suffer, with shortages of basic foods, especially eggs and milk. Long lines of shoppers, loudly complaining of the shortages, wait outside stores selling chicken imported from Czechoslovakia.

The ousted Communist system also left behind "a series of social problems such as bad working habits and massive alcoholism," Pompliu said. "We have accomplished only 20 per cent of the revolution by changing the old system. Now, the new system has

to change the people."

"The situation in Timisoara is still chaotic and fluid, and we know that the Securitate is active, possibly planning a counterrevolution," said Pompliu, an architect who assumed the mayor's post after the revolution. "Only the heads" of the Securitate were arrested, he said, estimating that about 15,000 secret police members remain at large in his city of 350,000. Timisoara is about 500 kilometres west of Bucharest.

Immediately after the victory of the revolution, Romanian and foreign media reports said as many as 4,000 people had died in Timisoara, in clashes with the Securitate troops, who were fiercely loyal to Ceausescu and battled the army when it joined the popular revolt against the dictator.

But officials recently said that according to reliable information, only some 100 were killed and about 40 were reported missing. They said, however, that the figure was not final.

"Both the official and the original figures are far from being correct. The true death toll is somewhere in between," Pompliu said.

"It is a well known fact" that the experts who estimated the

official death toll and family members of the dead have received telephone threats apparently from still-active Securitate members "in order to list the victims as if they had died of natural causes," he said.

Dusan Nicoliciu, the secretary of the Timisoara City Council, estimated that 1,000 people died in the December fighting.

He added that Dr. Leonard Drexler, the chief medical expert whose team released the official death toll figure in Timisoara, "was under strong pressure from the Securitate."

Nicoliciu's statement was backed up by Romania's Libera and other newspapers, which claimed that the director of the municipal hospital was a close relative of Timisoara's former secret police chief. Drexler was not available for comment.

Meanwhile, hundreds of wreaths and lit candles cover the steps and plaza facing the Orthodox cathedral where numerous people were gunned down during the uprising.

"Now they tell us only about 100 people died. That's impossible, since ... during just one day (of violence) I saw with my own eyes more than 40 dead lying in front of this church," said Liana Serbac, a relative of one victim.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Soviet spaceship heads for Mir

MOSCOW (R) — A Soviet spaceship has been launched with two cosmonauts on board and headed for the space station Mir, TASS news agency reported. The Soyuz TM-9 blasted off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome at 9:16 Moscow time (0616 GMT) Sunday with mission Commander Anatoly Solovoyov and flight engineer Alexander Balandin on board, the official Soviet News Agency reported. The crew were to dock the spaceship with the Soviet orbital space station Mir, and replace cosmonauts Alexander Viktorenko and Alexander Serebrov, who have been in orbit for five months. The new cosmonauts will be the sixth team to occupy Mir since its launch in February 1986 to replace the Salyut-7 space station, which was stripped of its equipment and abandoned.

15 die after Indonesian volcano erupts

JAKARTA (R) — At least 15 people were killed after a volcano in East Java erupted Saturday showering rocks and ash onto villages below, a local army official said Sunday. He said flames and billowing smoke after Mount Kelud erupted at midday Saturday could be seen 90 kilometres away. At least 50 others were injured and thousands evacuated from nearby towns and villages. Most of the destruction came from landslides triggered as the explosion shook loose rock down the mountain side. In the 1,731-metre volcano's last major eruption in 1966 more than 200 people died.

Shots fired at Nakasone's office

TOKYO (AP) — A man walked into former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone's campaign office and fired several shots, but there were no reports of injuries, police and a campaign official said. The suspect was captured at the scene in Takasaki, 100 kilometres northwest of Tokyo, according to a police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The official declined to give out further details. An official in Nakasone's office said the former prime minister was out of campaigning at the time of the shooting. He said a man entered one of four rooms in the office and fired several shots. The official declined to say how many people were in the office at the time of shooting. It was the second shooting involving a Japanese politician in the past month.

Taiwan party nominates president

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — The governing party has unanimously nominated President Lee Teng-hui as its candidate for president,

virtually assuring that he will gain a six-year term. All 180 members of the Nationalist Party's Central Committee stood up to approve the nomination of Lee, the former vice president who succeeded President Chiang Ching-kuo when he died in office in January 1988. Lee, the first native Taiwanese to head the party and government, is expected to be approved by the National Assembly, or Electoral College, when it meets on March 20 to pick the president. The party convention, held in suburban Yangmingshan, was to vote later on a running mate for Lee. That position has been the focus of a ferocious political battle pitting ageing conservatives against reformers. The outcome could affect the pace of political reform in Taiwan, which had its first multi-party election in December.

Atlantis to fly on Feb. 22

CAPE CANAVERAL (R) — The space shuttle Atlantis is scheduled to begin a classified mission for the Defence Department on Feb. 22, U.S. space agency officials have said. Atlantis will lift off between 12 and 4 a.m. EST (0400 and 0800 GMT), the officials said, carrying what experts believe is a satellite that will spy on the extreme northern regions of the Soviet Union. "At the present time there are no significant problems standing in the way of a launch on Feb. 22," the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said in a statement. This will be the second of nine scheduled space shuttle flights this year. The last mission ended on Jan. 20, when a shuttle returned a long-orbiting science satellite to Earth. NASA, obeying Defence Department orders, did not reveal an exact time for the launch because the identity of Atlantis' payload is a military secret.

4 die in New Mexico shooting spree

LAS CRUCES, New Mexico (AP) — An apparent armed robbery at a bowling alley has turned into a shooting spree that left four people dead and three others wounded, police reported. The names of the victims had not been released pending notification of relatives. Police threw up roadblocks in an attempt to catch the robbers. A statement issued by the Las Cruces Police Department Saturday said the seven were shot during the robbery. "At approximately 8 a.m., apparently an armed robbery occurred at the Las Cruces Bowl. During the commission of the robbery, at least seven individuals were shot, four of whom expired," said the police statement. Police reportedly were searching for two men in an older model, green van or utility vehicle. A police dispatcher who declined to be identified said roadblocks had been set up within and outside the city, located 70 kilometres north of the border with Mexico.

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Czech town to name square after Freud

PRIBOR, Czechoslovakia — A square in Pribor which honoured Soviet dictator Josef Stalin is to be renamed after the Czechoslovak town's most famous son, Sigmund Freud. The Czechoslovak news agency (CTK) said an opinion poll in the north Moravian town showed most of its inhabitants wanted Stalin Square to be named after the founder of psychoanalysis. A champion of the power of individual thought, Freud was officially revered under Communist rule which crumbled in Czechoslovakia late last year. Freud, born into a Jewish family in Pribor in 1856, moved to Vienna where he pioneered analysis of the subconscious mind. He died in London in 1939.

Valentine's day gifts for pets

TOKYO (R) — Roses are red, violets are blue, Rover my pet, this Valentine's for you. Unlike but true, Japan's ever-resourceful department stores have found a new way of squeezing profits from Valentine's Day — love tokens for your favourite pooch or Persian cat. The Tokyo store in Nishonbashi, central Tokyo, is selling beribboned giftbags of chocolates, biscuits, dried fish or beef for a mere 500 yen (\$3.50). "We used to sell such things at Christmas and last year we got requests for Valentine gifts too," said a store official. "Sales are not bad."

1,000 students plan record hug

TORONTO (R) — Students in Toronto plan to pile 1,000 bodies into a monster hug to claim a new world record. Keith Crawford, student council member at the city's George Brown College has said students wanted to double the existing record halfway through a college dance. He laughed off doubts about risks to personal hygiene when 1,000 warm and clammy bodies cling together after some enthusiastic dancing. "It's only for two minutes," he said.

Dutch experts to authenticate Hals paintings

AMSTERDAM (R) — A panel of art historians will be set up to authenticate works attributed to the 17th century Dutch master Frans Hals. The experts will examine approximately 80 paintings during a major exhibition of Hals' work in May at the Frans Hals Museum in Haarlem, Museum Director Derk Snoep has said. American art historian Seymour Slive believes there are 22 Hals paintings in existence but West German Claus Grimm puts the number as low as 145. "We'll have a panel of six or seven. We might ask Grimm or Slive for advice, but they won't be joining us as it's better to work with people who have no preconceived ideas," Snoep added. Most of the pictures to be displayed in Haarlem are currently exhibited at London's Royal Academy. Grimm says over a third of these were painted by contemporaries of Hals. A similar debate has been raging in the art world over works credited to the 17th century Dutch painter Rembrandt Van Rijn. In December, the Amsterdam-based Rembrandt research project sent shock waves through the art world when it said 39 works attributed to Rembrandt were not genuine. Ironically it said some of those paintings were more likely the work of Hals, who was one of Rembrandt's students.

Global weather

(major world cities)

	MIN.		MAX.		
	°C	F	°C	F	Weather
AMSTERDAM	X	X	X	X	X
ATHENS	06	43	08	46	Cloudy
BANGKOK	24	75	30	86	Cloudy
BARRANCO	24	75	34	93	Cloudy
BUENOS AIRES	19	66	22	71	Rain:
CAIRO	09	48	18	64	Clear
CHICAGO	05	23	10	50	Clear
COPENHAGEN	05	23	10	50	Clear
FRANKFURT	05	41	07	45	Cloudy
GENEVA	02	26	08	46	Cloudy
HONG KONG	18	64	24	75	Clear
ISTANBUL	01	34	04	70	Clear
LONDON	03	37	06	43	Cloudy
LOS ANGELES	09	48	23	73	Clear
MADRID	06	43	18	64	Clear
MEXICO	15	59	28	82	Cloudy
MONTREAL	02	32	04	39	Cloudy
MOSCOW	X	X	X	X	X
NEW DELHI	14	57	26	80	Cloudy
NEW YORK	08	46	16	61	Cloudy
PARIS	05	41	10	50	Cloudy
ROME	05	41	14	57	Rain
SYDNEY	18	64	29	79	Rain
TOKYO	07	45	17	63	Cloudy
WENNA	02	32	08	39	Cloudy

Indicates missing information.